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For The CIA

Congressman Edward T. Koch of New York is upset, and he should be, that the Central In telligence Agency is training 50 police officers in American cities.

The Congressman complains the CIA violates a 1947 law which prohibits the super spy agency from having police, subpoena or internal security functions. He wants a Congressional investigation and there should be one.

It was never intended that the CIA, whose job is to conduct espionage abroad, should dabble in domestic matters. The FBI has the mission of handling domestic intelligence. The CIA's image was tarnished by disclosure that most of those caught redhanded in the Watergate bugging case were former CIA operatives. Training American police won't enhance the CIA's stature, either.

The CIA should quit meddling in areas where it has no right to be and get on with its work in foreign countries where there's more than enough to keep it busy. **STAT**